

## ABSTRACT OF DISCLOSURE

5 A pressure generator is driven to eject ink droplets from a nozzle  
orifice such that a plurality of flushing operations are intermittently repeated  
with a first time interval, when a recording operation of a recording head is not  
performed. Each flushing operation includes a plurality of ink ejections  
repeated for a predetermined times with a second time interval which is shorter  
than the first time interval. The ink near the nozzle orifice is residually  
vibrated between the flushing operations, so that the viscous ink is diffused  
10 and the viscous ink is effectively expelled.